

# Flavour blindness in QCD: Sigma - Lambda mixing

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# Introduction

The QCD interaction is flavour-blind. Neglecting electromagnetic and weak interactions, the only difference between flavours comes from the mass matrix. We investigate how flavour-blindness constrains hadron masses after flavour  $SU(3)$  is broken by the mass difference between the strange and light quarks, to help us extrapolate 2+1 flavour lattice data to the physical point.

We have our best theoretical understanding when all 3 quark flavours have the same masses (because we can use the full power of flavour  $SU(3)$ ); nature presents us with just one instance of the theory, with  $m_s/m_l \approx 25$ . We are interested in interpolating between these two cases.

# Introduction

Standard Theorist's Approach:

$$\text{Action} = \text{Large Piece} + \text{Small Piece}$$

Treat the **Small Piece** as a perturbation.  
Apply this to QCD.

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Large Piece = Kinetic Terms  
+ Gluon-Gluon Vertices  
+ Quark-Gluon Vertices  
+ Singlet Quark Mass Term

Small Piece = Non-Singlet Quark Mass Terms

Perturb about  $SU(3)$  symmetric QCD.

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Long history: M. Gell Man, *Phys Rev* 125 (1962) 1067.

S. Okubo, *Prog Theor Phys* 27 (1962) 949.

S. R. Beane, K. Orginos and M. J. Savage, *Phys. Lett.* **B654** (2007) 20 [[arXiv:hep-lat/0604013](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-lat/0604013)].

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Not as familiar as chiral perturbation theory,  
but useful for organising and analysing the data.

# Quark Masses

## Notation

$$\bar{m} \equiv \frac{1}{3}(m_u + m_d + m_s)$$

$$\delta m_u \equiv m_u - \bar{m}$$

$$\delta m_d \equiv m_d - \bar{m}$$

$$\delta m_s \equiv m_s - \bar{m}$$

$$\delta m_u + \delta m_d + \delta m_s = 0$$

$$m_l \equiv \frac{1}{2}(m_u + m_d)$$

$$\delta m_l \equiv m_l - \bar{m}$$

# Quark Masses

The quark mass matrix is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M} &= \begin{pmatrix} m_u & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_s \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \bar{m} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2}(\delta m_u - \delta m_d) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2}\delta m_s \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{M}$  has a flavour singlet part (proportional to  $I$ ) and a flavour octet part, proportional to  $\lambda_3, \lambda_8$ .  
In clover case, the singlet and non-singlet parts of the mass matrix renormalise differently.

# Flavour Hierarchy

Large Piece = Kinetic Terms  
+ Gluon-Gluon Vertices  
+ Quark-Gluon Vertices  
+ Singlet Quark Mass Term

Small Piece = Non-Singlet Quark Mass Terms

All terms in **Large Piece** are flavour singlets, leave  $SU(3)$  unbroken.

**Small Piece** is pure flavour octet.

**Higher  $SU(3)$  representations** completely absent from QCD action.

# Flavour Hierarchy

Higher representations of  $SU(3)$  are absent from the QCD action, but they appear at higher orders in the perturbation. Square an octet — generates 27-plet.

$\delta m_q^0$	1						1
$\delta m_q^1$		8					8
$\delta m_q^2$	1	8		27			$\frac{1}{2!}8 \times 9 = 36$
$\delta m_q^3$	1	8	10	$\overline{10}$	27	64	$\frac{1}{3!}8 \times 9 \times 10 = 120$

# Flavour Hierarchy

Decuplet mass matrix

$$10 \otimes \overline{10} = 1 \oplus 8 \oplus 27 \oplus 64$$

$\Delta^-$	$\Delta^0$	$\Delta^+$	$\Delta^{++}$	$\Sigma^{*-}$	$\Sigma^{*0}$	$\Sigma^{*+}$	$\Xi^{*-}$	$\Xi^{*0}$	$\Omega^-$	<i>SU(3)</i>
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	1	1	2	8
3	3	3	3	-5	-5	-5	-3	-3	9	27
-1	-1	-1	-1	4	4	4	-6	-6	4	64

# Flavour Hierarchy

$$\begin{array}{rcll}
 4M_{\Delta} + 3M_{\Sigma^*} + 2M_{\Xi^*} + M_{\Omega} & = & 13.82 \text{ GeV} & \text{singlet} \\
 -2M_{\Delta} \quad \quad \quad + M_{\Xi^*} + M_{\Omega} & = & 0.742 \text{ GeV} & \text{octet} \\
 4M_{\Delta} - 5M_{\Sigma^*} - 2M_{\Xi^*} + 3M_{\Omega} & = & -0.044 \text{ GeV} & 27 - \text{plet} \\
 -M_{\Delta} + 3M_{\Sigma^*} - 3M_{\Xi^*} + M_{\Omega} & = & -0.006 \text{ GeV} & 64 - \text{plet} \quad ,
 \end{array}$$

[PDG masses]

Strong Hierarchy:

1

8

27

64

$$(m_s - m_l)^0 \quad (m_s - m_l)^1 \quad (m_s - m_l)^2 \quad (m_s - m_l)^3$$

# Strategy

Keep **Large Piece** constant,  
Vary **Small Piece** until we reach the physical point.

# Strategy

Start from a point with all 3 sea quark masses equal,

$$m_u = m_d = m_s \equiv m_0$$

and extrapolate towards the physical point, keeping the average sea quark mass

$$\bar{m} \equiv \frac{1}{3}(m_u + m_d + m_s)$$

constant.

Starting point has

$$m_0 \approx \frac{1}{3}m_s^{phys}$$

As we approach the physical point, the  $u$  and  $d$  become lighter, but the  $s$  becomes heavier. Pions are decreasing in mass, but  $K$  and  $\eta$  increase in mass as we approach the physical point.

# Singlet Quantities

Consider a flavour singlet quantity (eg plaquette  $P$ ) at the symmetric point  $(m_0, m_0, m_0)$ .

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial m_u} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial m_d} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial m_s}.$$

If we keep  $m_u + m_d + m_s$  constant,  $dm_s = -dm_u - dm_d$  so

$$dP = dm_u \frac{\partial P}{\partial m_u} + dm_d \frac{\partial P}{\partial m_d} + dm_s \frac{\partial P}{\partial m_s} = 0$$

The effect of making the strange quark heavier exactly cancels the effect of making the light quarks lighter, so we know that  $P$  must have a stationary point at the symmetrical point.

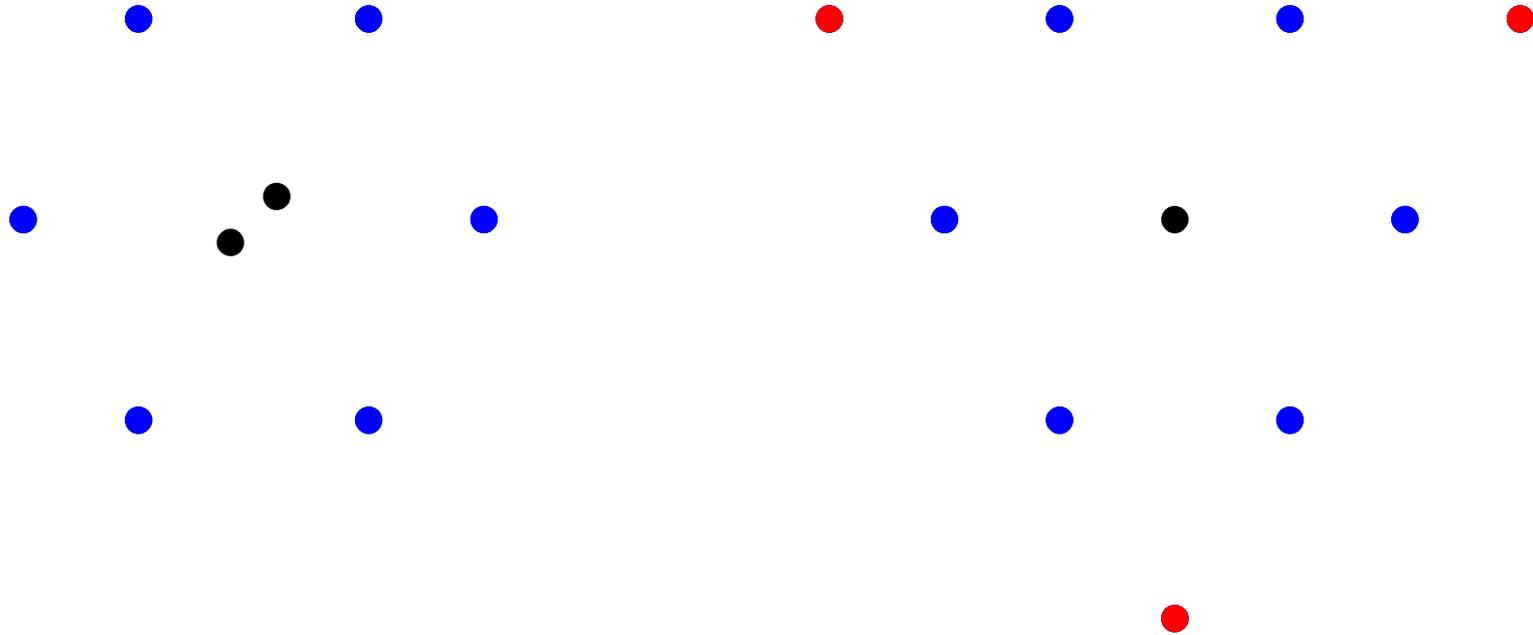
# Singlet Quantities

Any permutation of the quarks, eg

$$u \leftrightarrow s, \quad u \rightarrow d \rightarrow s \rightarrow u$$

doesn't really change physics, it just renames the quarks.  
Group  $S_3$ , permutations of three objects, symmetry group of the equilateral triangle.  
Any quantity unchanged by all permutations will also be flat at the symmetric point.

# Singlet Quantities



$$2(M_N + M_\Sigma + M_\Xi)$$

$$M_\Sigma + M_\Lambda$$

$$2M_\Delta + M_\Omega$$

$$2(M_\Delta + M_{\Sigma^*} + M_{\Xi^*})$$

$$M_{\Sigma^*}$$

# Singlet Quantities

$$X_\pi^2 = (M_\pi^2 + 2M_K^2)/3$$

$$X_\rho = (M_\rho + 2M_{K^*})/3$$

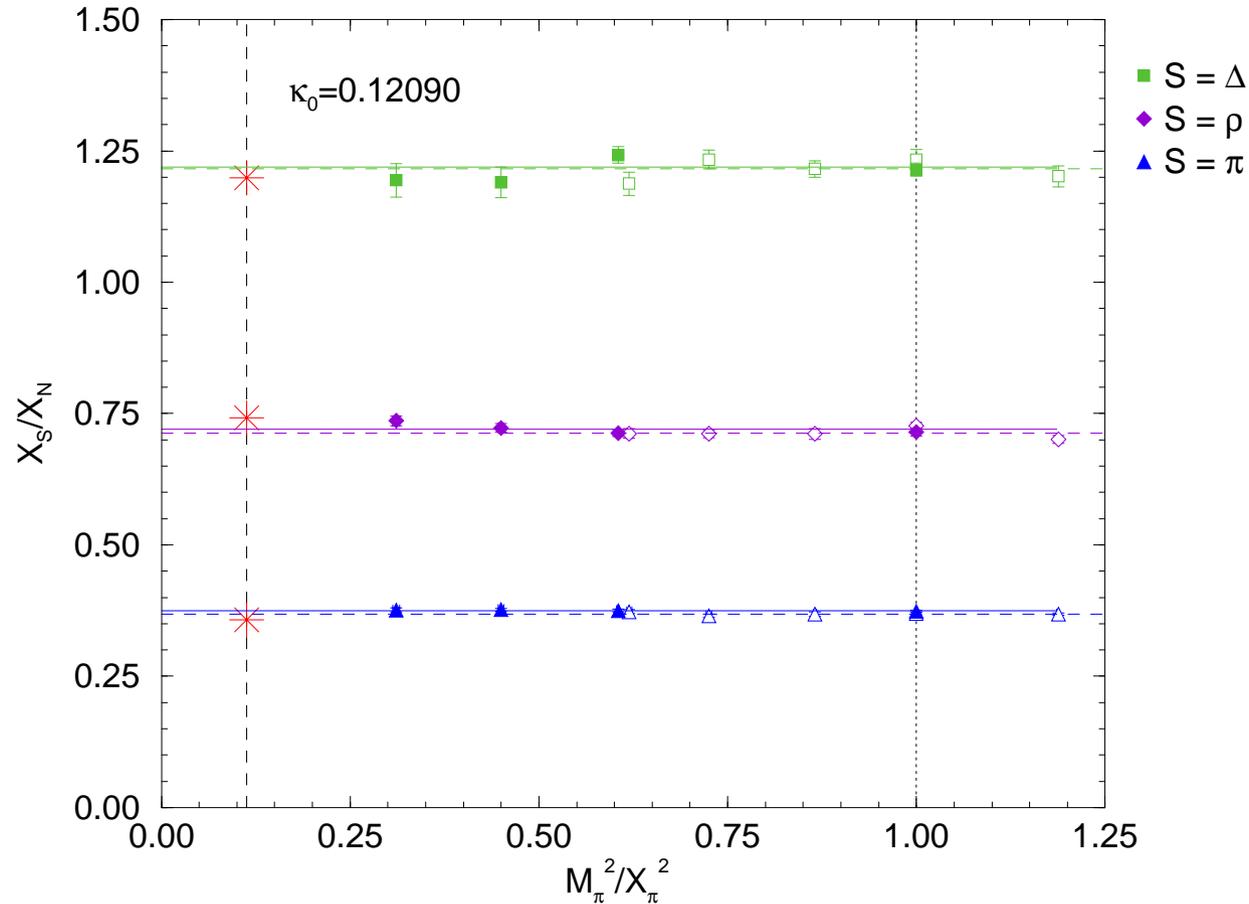
$$X_N = (M_N + M_\Sigma + M_\Xi)/3$$

$$X_\Delta = (2M_\Delta + M_\Omega)$$

Multiplet Centre-of-Mass

Use octet baryons ( $X_N$ ) to set scale for the other three multiplets.

# Singlet Quantities



$X_S$  so flat because we keep  $m_u + m_d + m_s$  constant.  
Choose initial  $m_0$  to make  $X_S/X_N$  equal to physical value.

# SU(3) classification

- Classify physical quantities by  $SU(3)$  and permutation group  $S_3$  (which is a subgroup of  $SU(3)$ ).
- Classify quark mass polynomials in same way.
- **Quantity of Known Symmetry = Polynomials of Matching Symmetry**
- Taylor expansion about  $(m_0, m_0, m_0)$  strongly constrained by symmetry.

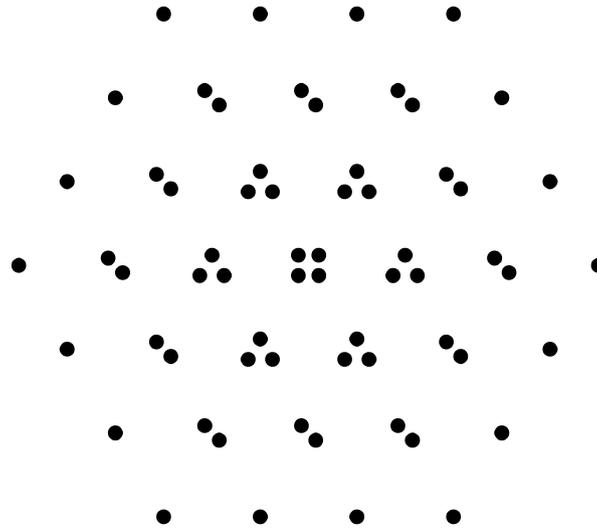
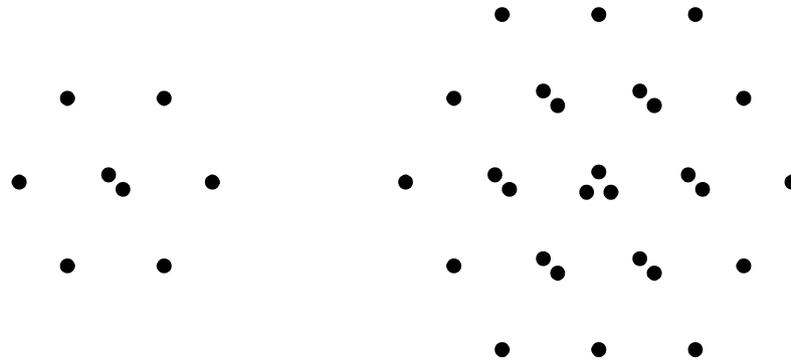
# SU(3) classification

Polynomial		$S_3$	$SU(3)$	
1	✓	$A_1$	1	
$(\bar{m} - m_0)$		$A_1$	1	
$\delta m_s$	✓	$E^+$	8	
$(\delta m_u - \delta m_d)$	✓	$E^-$	8	
$(\bar{m} - m_0)^2$		$A_1$	1	
$(\bar{m} - m_0)\delta m_s$		$E^+$	8	
$(\bar{m} - m_0)(\delta m_u - \delta m_d)$		$E^-$	8	
$\delta m_u^2 + \delta m_d^2 + \delta m_s^2$	✓	$A_1$	1	27
$3\delta m_s^2 - (\delta m_u - \delta m_d)^2$	✓	$E^+$	8	27
$\delta m_s(\delta m_d - \delta m_u)$	✓	$E^-$	8	27

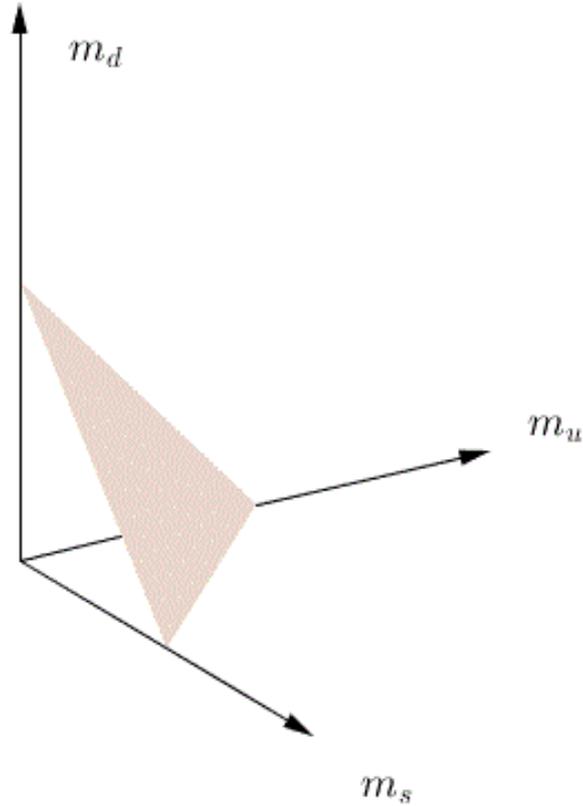
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$(\bar{m} - m_0)^3$		$A_1$	1		
$(\bar{m} - m_0)^2 \delta m_s$		$E^+$	8		
$(\bar{m} - m_0)^2 (\delta m_u - \delta m_d)$		$E^-$	8		
$(\bar{m} - m_0) (\delta m_u^2 + \delta m_d^2 + \delta m_s^2)$		$A_1$	1		27
$(\bar{m} - m_0) [3\delta m_s^2 - (\delta m_u - \delta m_d)^2]$		$E^+$	8		27
$(\bar{m} - m_0) \delta m_s (\delta m_d - \delta m_u)$		$E^-$	8		27
$\delta m_u \delta m_d \delta m_s$	✓	$A_1$	1		27 64
$\delta m_s (\delta m_u^2 + \delta m_d^2 + \delta m_s^2)$	✓	$E^+$	8		27 64
$(\delta m_u - \delta m_d) (\delta m_u^2 + \delta m_d^2 + \delta m_s^2)$	✓	$E^-$	8		27 64
$(\delta m_s - \delta m_u) (\delta m_s - \delta m_d) (\delta m_u - \delta m_d)$	✓	$A_2$		10 $\bar{10}$	64

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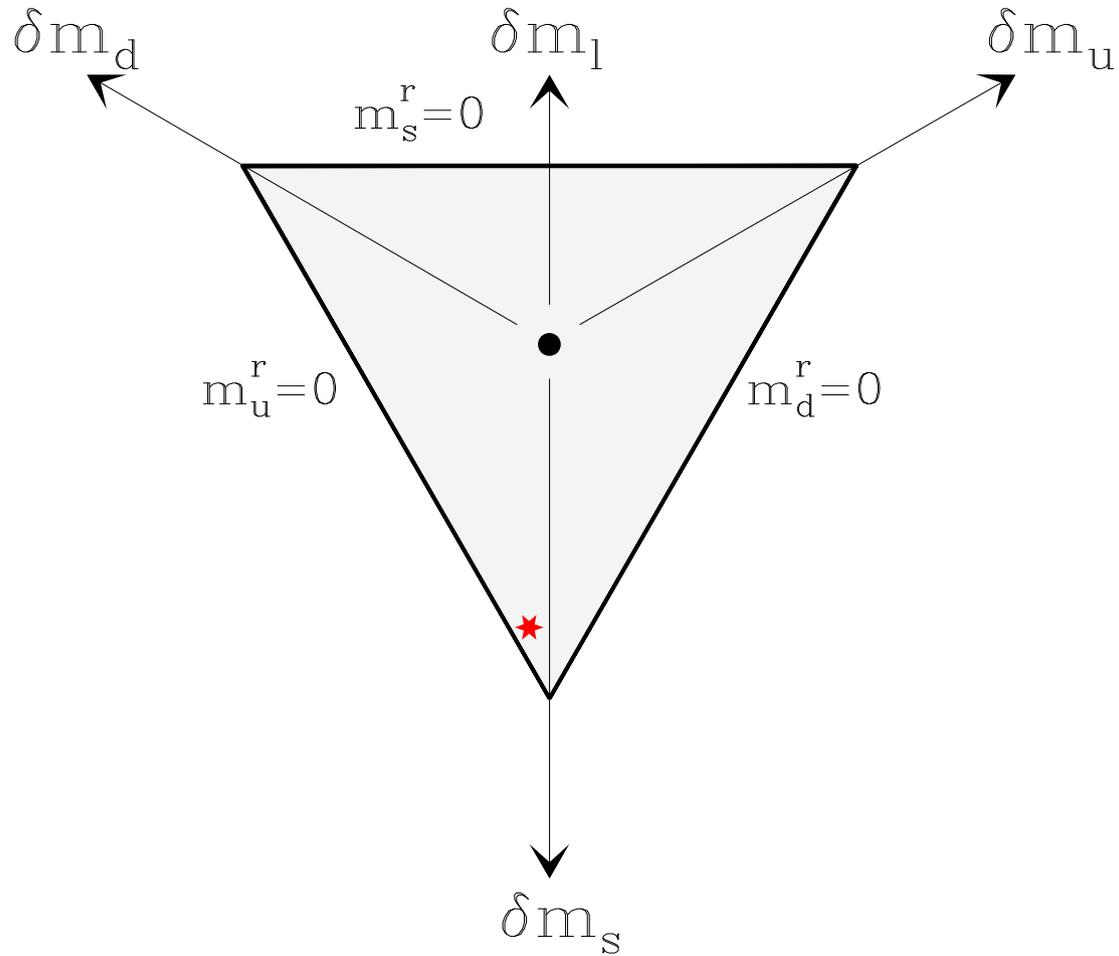
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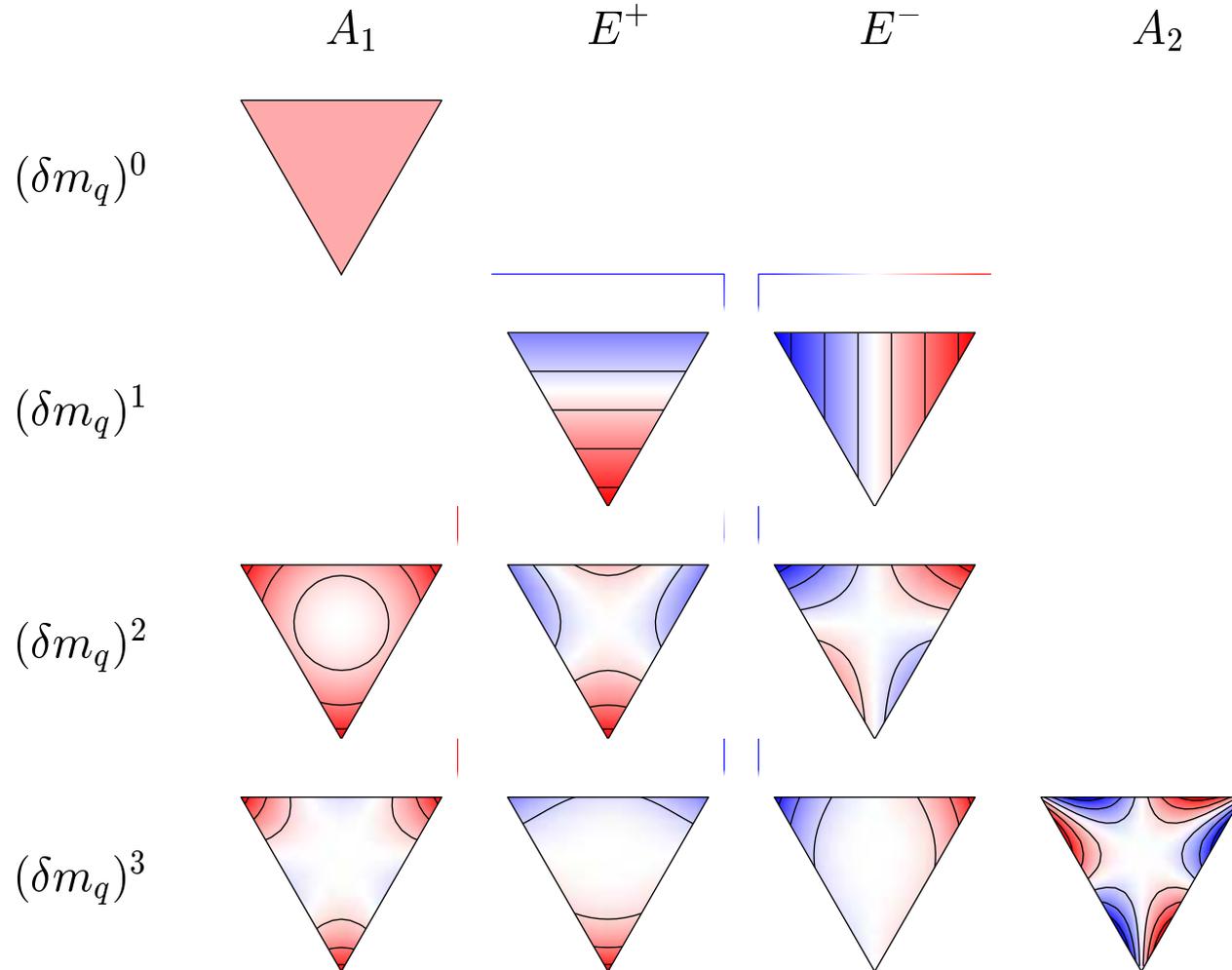
$$(m_u + m_d + m_s) = \text{const},$$

$$m_q \geq 0$$

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# 2 + 1 Simulation

Tree-level Symanzik glue,  $\beta = 5.50$

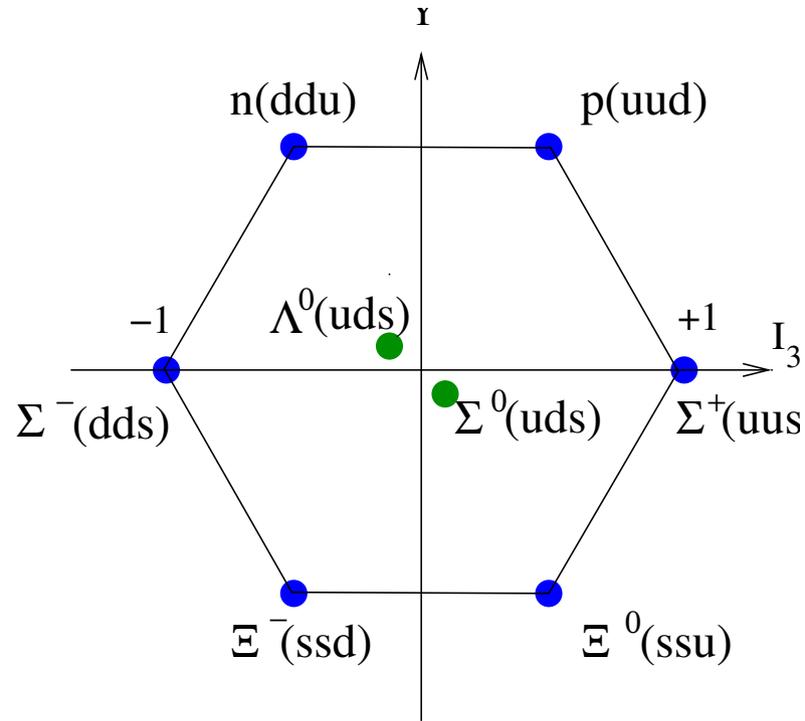
Clover Fermions, non-pert  $c_{SW}$ .

To to keep the action highly local, the hopping terms use a stout smeared link ('fat link') with  $\alpha = 0.1$  'mild smearing' for the Dirac kinetic term and Wilson mass term.

Symmetric point  $\kappa_0 = 0.12090$

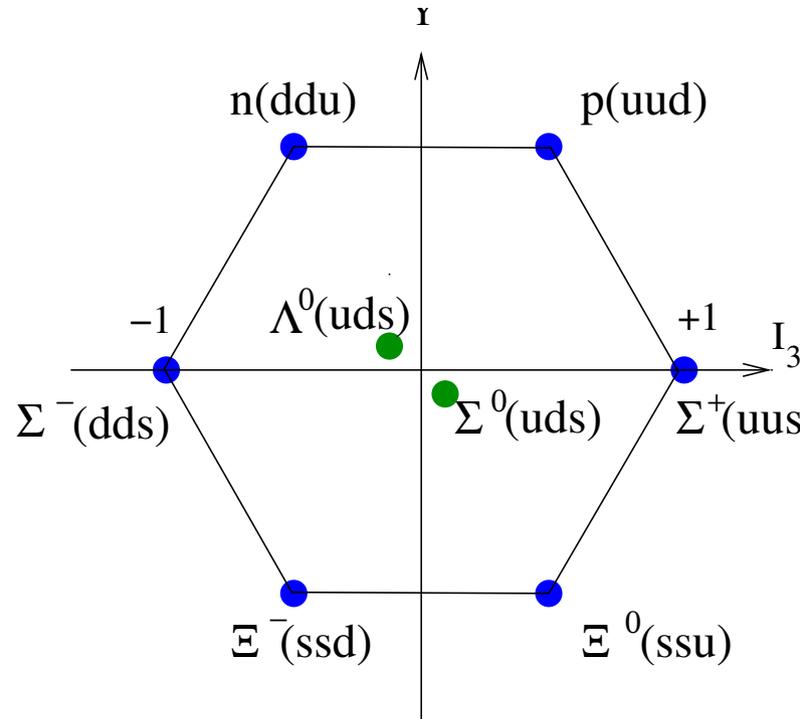
$24^3 \times 48$  lattices and  $32^3 \times 64$  lattices

# Octet Baryons



The spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  baryons (partners of the proton and neutron) form an octet under SU(3).

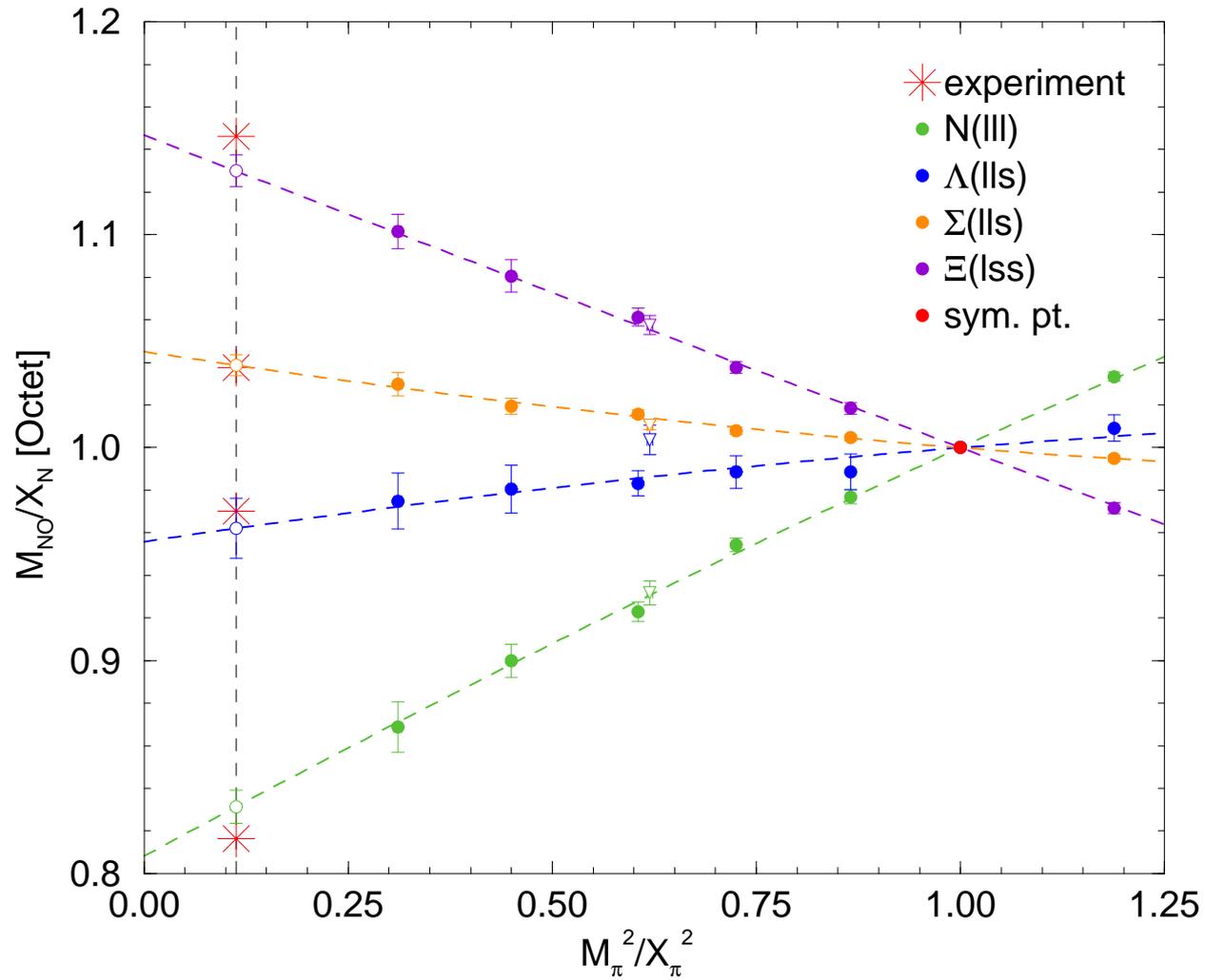
# Octet Baryons



The central baryons ( $\Lambda^0$ ,  $\Sigma^0$ ) have the same quark content,  $uds$ , but different wave functions, (in particular, different arrangements of quark spin).

# Fan Plot

## Octet Baryons



$$m_u \neq m_d$$

The fan plot shows that we predict the masses of the octet baryons well when  $m_u = m_d$ . What changes if  $m_u \neq m_d$ ?

In the outer ring, degeneracies are split,

$$\begin{aligned} M_p &\neq M_n \\ M_{\Sigma^-} &\neq M_{\Sigma^+} \\ M_{\Xi^-} &\neq M_{\Xi^0} \end{aligned}$$

Investigated in our framework in [Phys Rev D86 \(2012\) 114511](#)

$$m_u \neq m_d$$

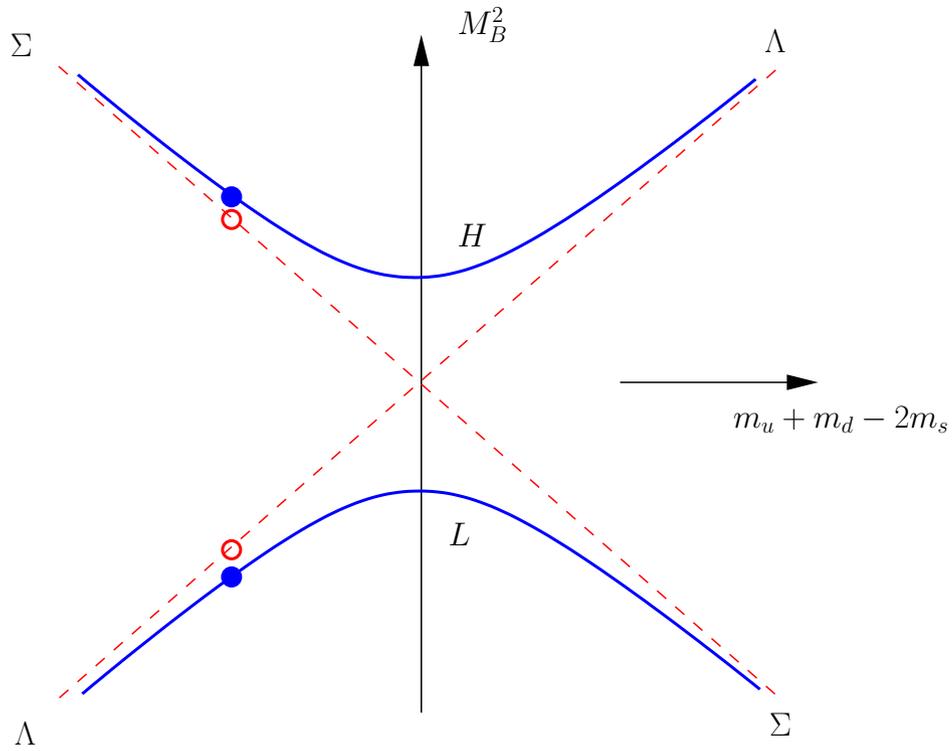
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Inner states

Total Isospin is no longer a good quantum number, the  $\Sigma^0$  and  $\Lambda^0$  will mix.

Topic of the rest of this this talk.

$$m_u \neq m_d$$



# $\Sigma$ - $\Lambda$ mixing

Two methods of calculating the masses and mixings in the  $\Sigma$ - $\Lambda$  system.

Calculate masses in the  $m_u = m_d$  case, and use group theory to predict the  $m_u \neq m_d$  case. ("Rotate" the sensitivity to  $m_s - m_l$  to find the sensitivity to  $m_u - m_d$ .)

Directly calculate masses with  $m_u \neq m_d \neq m_s$ . Lattice splitting  $m_u - m_d$  is much larger than the physical, so the mixing and mass shifts are much larger than in the real world. We then interpolate down to find what the real-world result is.

We have used both types of data.

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In this mixed data the lattice correlators form a  $2 \times 2$  matrix - eigenvectors correspond to  $M_H$  and  $M_L$  in the level-crossing sketch.

# $\Sigma$ - $\Lambda$ mixing

Baryon mass matrix

$$M^2(\mathcal{M}) = \begin{pmatrix} M_n^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & M_p^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M_{\Sigma^-}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & M_{\Sigma\Sigma}^2 & M_{\Sigma\Lambda}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & M_{\Lambda\Sigma}^2 & M_{\Lambda\Lambda}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & M_{\Sigma^+}^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & M_{\Xi^-}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & M_{\Xi^0}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Mostly diagonal: One mixing block

# $\Sigma$ - $\Lambda$ mixing

$8 \times 8$  mass matrix, made of a basis of 10 matrices:

$$M^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{10} K_i(m_q) N_i$$

# $\Sigma$ - $\Lambda$ mixing

$n$	$p$	$\Sigma^-$	$\Sigma^0$	$\Lambda^0$	$\Sigma^+$	$\Xi^-$	$\Xi^0$	$S_3$	SU(3)
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$A_1$	1
-1	-1	0	0	0	0	1	1	$E^+$	$8_a$
-1	1	-2	0	0	2	-1	1	$E^-$	$8_a$
1	1	-2	-2	2	-2	1	1	$E^+$	$8_b$
-1	1	0	mix		0	1	-1	$E^-$	$8_b$
1	1	1	-3	-3	1	1	1	$A_1$	27
1	1	-2	3	-3	-2	1	1	$E^+$	27
-1	1	0	mix		0	1	-1	$E^-$	27
1	-1	-1	0	0	1	1	-1	$A_2$	$10, \bar{10}$
0	0	0	mix		0	0	0	$A_2$	$10, \bar{10}$

$$N_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$N_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$N_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$N_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$N_5 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2/\sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2/\sqrt{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

First mixing term:

Coefficient  $\propto (m_u - m_d)$

Contributes both to  $n$ - $p$  splitting and to  $\Sigma$ - $\Lambda$  mixing

# Results

We have a  $2 \times 2$  mixing matrix.

From symmetry, we know the allowed polynomials in each entry. (Diagonal terms even under  $m_u \leftrightarrow m_d$ , mixing terms odd under  $m_u \leftrightarrow m_d$ ).

From lattice data, know the coefficient of each allowed term.

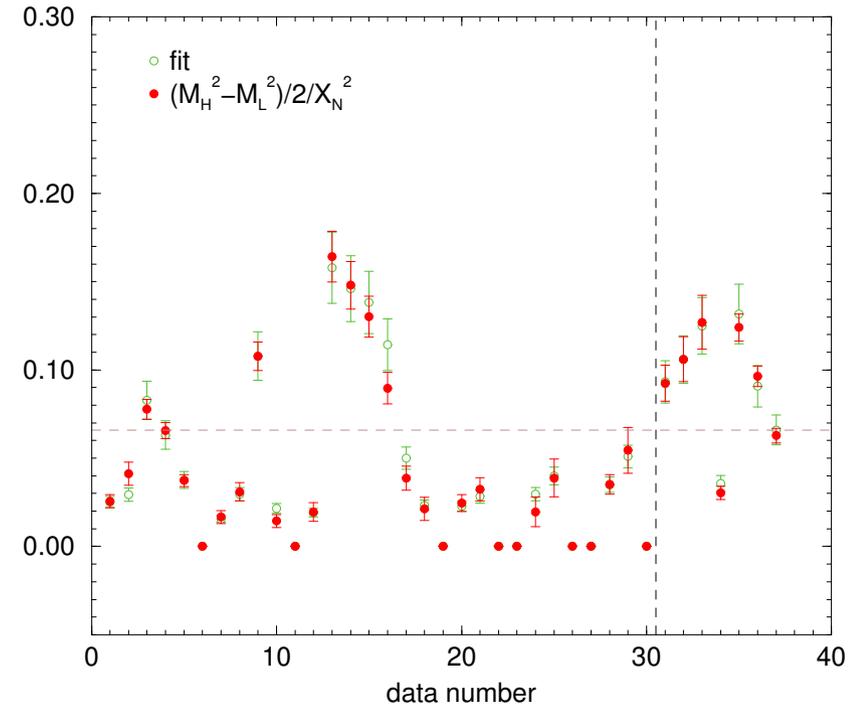
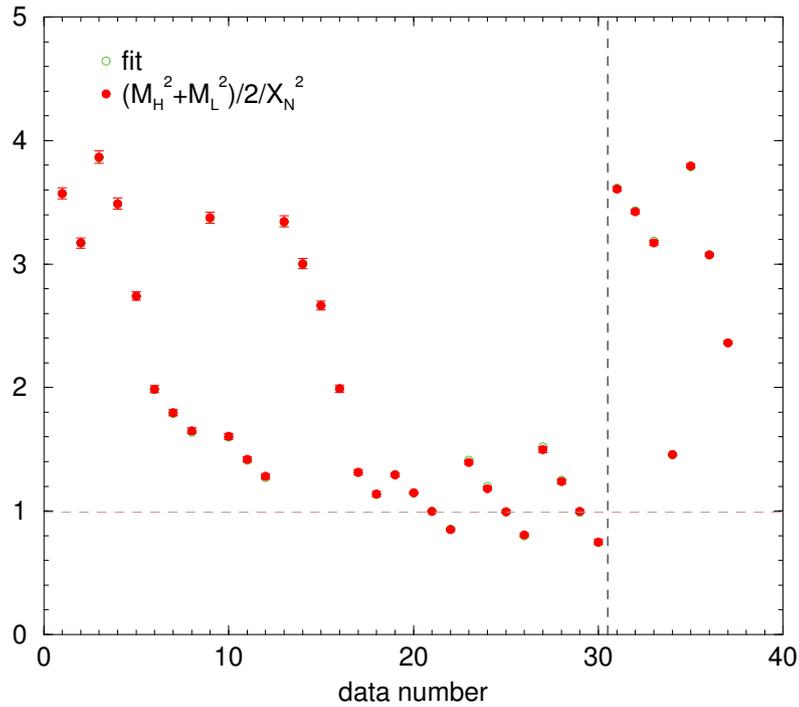
Can calculate splitting and mixing for any  $m_u, m_d, m_s$ .

Put in the physical mass values (fixed from  $\pi, K$ ).

# Data — Fit

Data:  $M_H(aab), M_L(aa'b), M_H(abc), M_L(abc) \leq 2.0 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\Sigma(abc), \Lambda(abc)$

[wf]



# Results

- Mixing angle

[as anticipated very small  $\theta \sim 1^\circ$ ]

$$\tan 2\theta = 0.0123(45)(25)$$

- Mass difference

[mixing contribution to mass difference  $\sim 1$  MeV]

$$M_{\Sigma^0} - M_{\Lambda^0} = 79.4(7.4)(3.4) \text{ MeV}$$

$$[(M_{\Sigma^0} - M_{\Lambda^0})^{\text{exp}} = 76.959(23) \text{ MeV}]$$

# Measuring the Mixing Angle

We know of no results, but there is an old proposal

G. Karl, Phys. Lett. B328 (1994) 149 [Erratum-ibid. B341 (1995) 449].

Need a quantity linear in  $\theta$  ( $\theta^2$  too small).

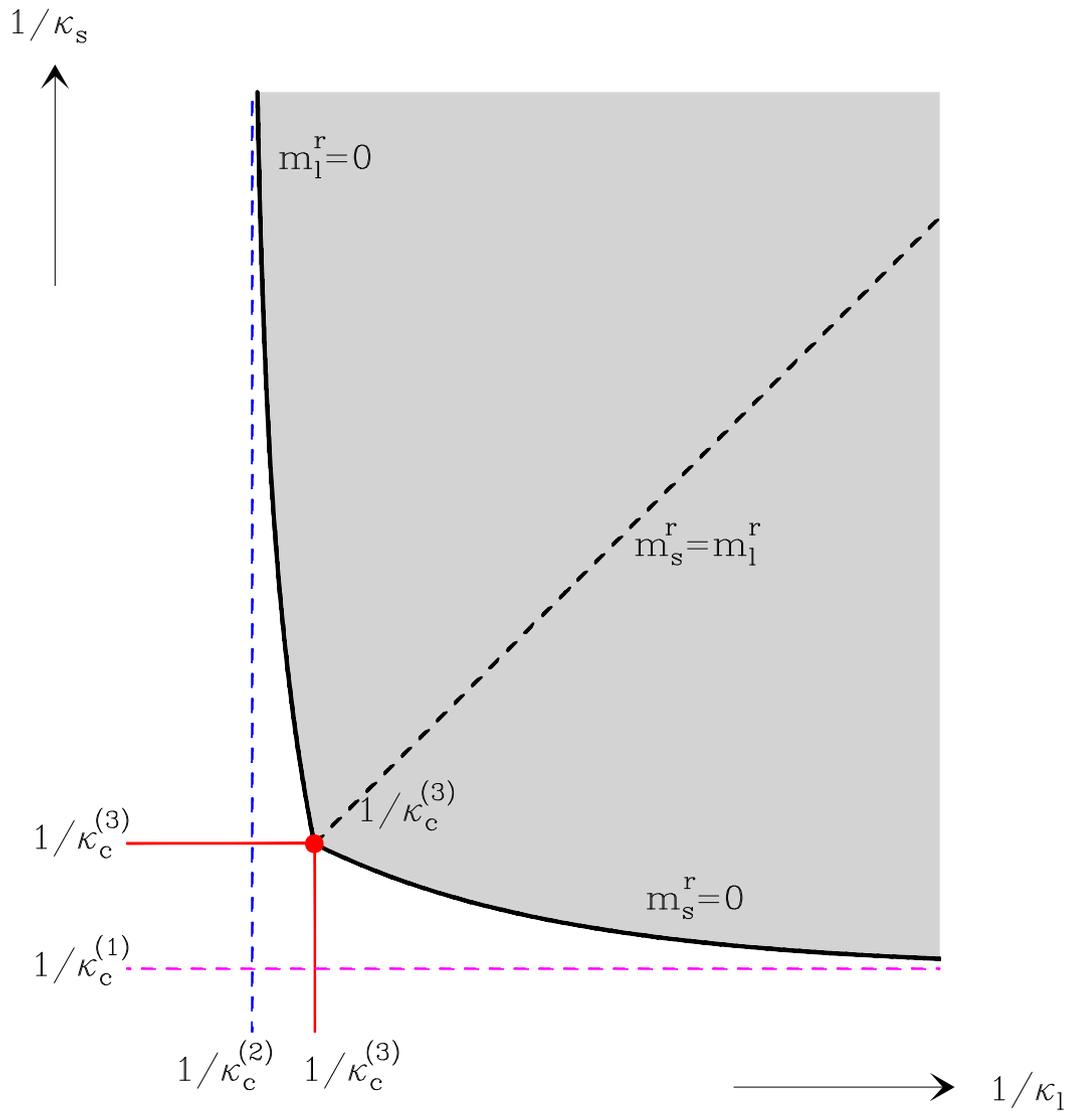
Compare  $\Sigma^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e$  and  $\Sigma^- \rightarrow \Lambda e^- \bar{\nu}_e$ .

# Conclusions

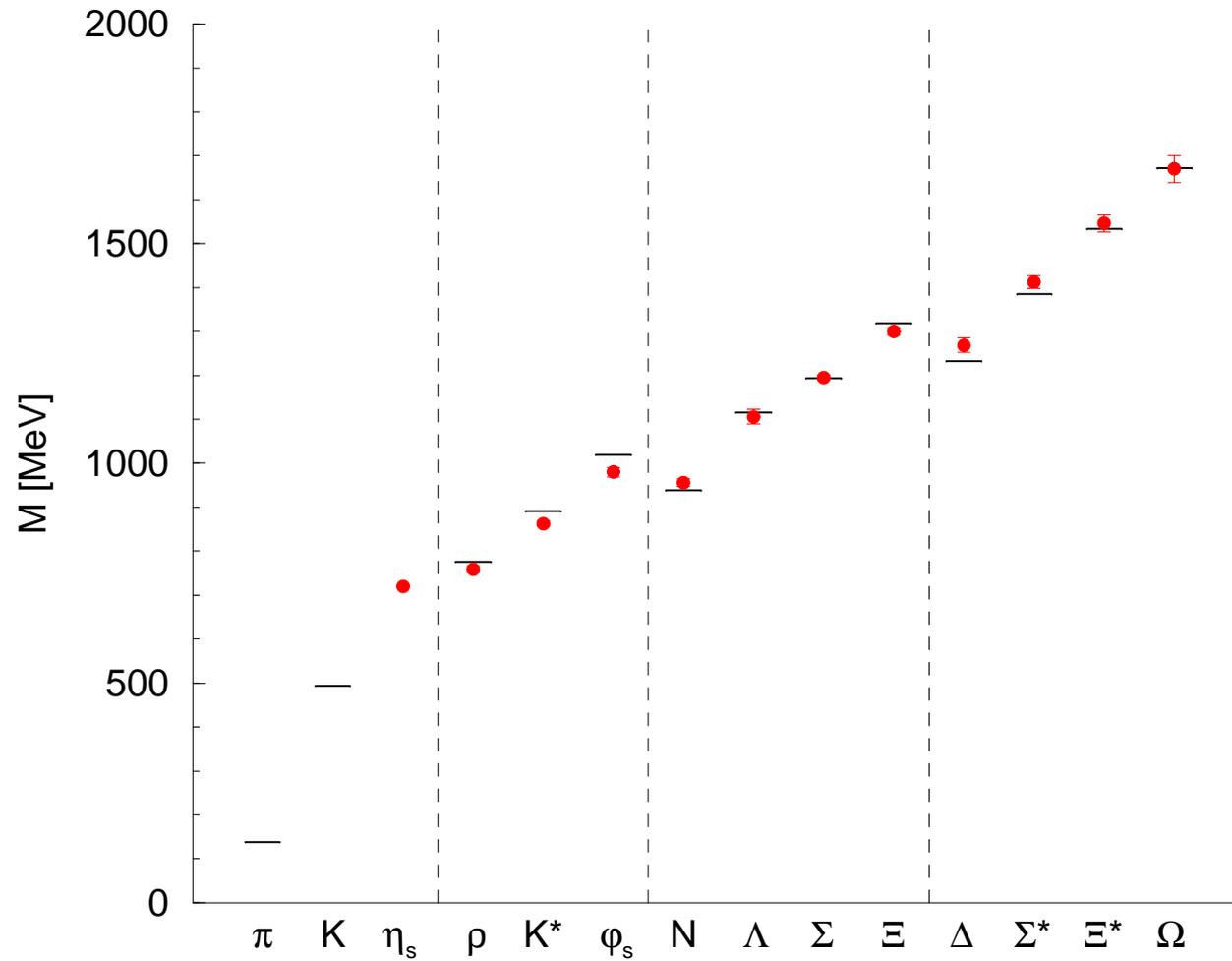
- Extrapolating from lattice simulations to the physical quark masses is made much easier by keeping  $m_u + m_d + m_s$  constant.
- Flavour SU(3) analysis strongly constrains Taylor expansions in quark masses.
- Spectrum, splitting, well reproduced.
- So, presumably mixing angle is reliable too.
- Caveat: QED corrections

# Extra

Allowed Region



# Hadron Spectrum



# Extra

$Op$	$A_1$	$E$		$A_2$
		$E^+$	$E^-$	
<b>Identity</b>	+	+	+	+
$u \leftrightarrow d$	+	+	-	-
$u \leftrightarrow s$	+	mix		-
$d \leftrightarrow s$	+	mix		-
$u \rightarrow d \rightarrow s \rightarrow u$	+	mix		+
$u \rightarrow s \rightarrow d \rightarrow u$	+	mix		+